



Thomas A. Schatz
President

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U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative,

On behalf of the more than one million members and supporters of the Council for Citizens Against Government Waste (CCAGW), I urge you to support H.R. 5546, the Fighting Fraud with Innovative Technology Act. This bill, sponsored by Rep. Peter Roskam (R-Ill.), would use cutting-edge technology to root out fraudulent healthcare transactions that cost taxpayers billions of dollars every year.

Global credit card transactions process more than \$11 trillion a year, yet maintain a miniscule 0.047 percent fraud rate. Rep. Roskam's legislation would save taxpayer dollars by utilizing the same proven technologies that credit card companies use to prevent improper payments.

Nearly 10 percent of all federal healthcare payments, roughly \$60 billion, are lost each year as a result of waste, fraud and abuse. A 2009 study conducted by the Lewin Group estimates that using pre-pay predictive modeling for Medicare and Medicaid programs, as outlined in Rep. Roskam's bill, could save \$101.2 billion from FY 2011-FY 2019. At a time when the nation's debt has ballooned to more than \$13 trillion, lawmakers should be eager to support an innovative and effective way to stop wasteful spending.

I strongly urge you to support the Fighting Fraud with Innovative Technology Act and to work toward securing its passage. Enacting this legislation will help ensure the accountability of the taxpayers' money. All votes on H.R. 5546 will be among those considered in CCAGW's *2010 Congressional Ratings*.

Sincerely,